

PRESTON FORGER FOR LARGE SUM

Investigation Since His Death Shows That He Had Signed Another's Name.

HAD LOST HIS MIND

Letter Found in His Pocket Declared He Had Lost All Except Faith in God.

NEW YORK, March 9.—That Leonard M. Preston, a secretary and manager of the Tinkin Roller Company, forged the name of E. H. Hewitt, one of the members of that company, to notes aggregating \$57,000 to \$100,000, was the substance of a statement made to the coroner to-day by James A. Shea, counsel for Mrs. Preston.

Preston died very suddenly in his room in the Hotel Cumberland last Thursday after drinking brandy and while the three members of the company were waiting to question him about the affairs of the company.

It was also discovered to-day that Preston left a note saying that he had been insane for some time. The statement by Mr. Shea was made at a coroner's inquest into the cause of Preston's death. Mr. Shea testified that E. H. Hewitt, son of the late Mayor Hewitt, had informed him that Preston's book showed the forger, but investigation was not yet complete. One of the alleged forged notes was for \$5,000, and was due on the day of Preston's death. Another was for \$50,000, and was due on April 1st next.

In a card case in a pocket of Mr. Preston's clothing Mr. Shea found the following message, scribbled in lead pencil on a business card:

"In case of death or serious accident to me notify my wife, Mrs. L. M. Preston, care of Hotel Cumberland, New York; my mother, Mrs. C. C. Preston, 218 Reaves Street, Tyler, Tex.; Edward M. Preston, College Station, Tex.; Mrs. J. O. Matthews, care of Rice, Stix & Co., St. Louis; W. B. Tinkin, Cambridge, O. My wishes to be considered first in all things.

"I realize that I am, and have been for some time, insane. I have lost my mind, my power to grasp things, my memory. I have lost everything except my faith in God and His Son, Jesus Christ. I am in His hands and I leave it all to Him. He has been my refuge and strength and will never forsake me.

(Signed) "L. M. P."

HOSPITAL BOARD MEETS.

First Gathering of Asylum Managers Since Brunk Took Charge.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WILLIAMSBURG, Va., March 9.—The monthly meeting of the hospital board was held yesterday. In the absence of the commissioner, Mr. H. D. Cole presided, with Dr. O. C. Wright and Mr. Harry Holt present, the latter being the new member, who made a most favorable impression, and will no doubt prove a most useful member. This was the first meeting of the new superintendent, Dr. Brunk, with the board, and the impression made upon the directors was that the general board had made no mistake in placing this wide-awake and progressive young physician in charge of this the oldest insane hospital in the State.

The election of first assistant physician was postponed until the April meeting, and Dr. J. M. Henderson, who is acting first assistant, was requested to hold on a month longer.

Dr. Irene Bullard, who succeeded Dr. F. T. Southall as second assistant, has made a fine impression, and is looked upon as one of the ablest of the medical staff.

A large party of Northern tourists registered here to-day and visited Bruton Church and other places of interest. With the church, since its restoration, they were properly charmed, pronouncing it one of the most beautiful places of worship they had seen anywhere.

The executive committee of the college board and the local members of the executive committee of the Alumni Association will have a joint meeting on the 14th to arrange for the laying of

To Owners of Bad Breath

Foul Odor of Indigestion, Smoking, Eating or Drinking, Stopped at Once With Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges.

Trill Package To Prove It Sent Free.

Illious breathers, onion eaters, indigestion victims, cabbage consumers, smokers, drinkers and those with gas on the stomach are in a class all by themselves, distinguished by a powerful, bad breath.

They all breathe, and as they breathe they whiff out odor which makes those standing near turn their heads away in disgust. The pleasant part of it is that these victims do not realize what a sickening thing a bad, offensive breath is to others.

Charcoal is a wonderful absorber of gases and odors. It absorbs 100 times its own volume of gas.

Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges will put a stop to your bad, offensive breath, and to your belchings, whatever the cause, or source, because the charcoal quickly absorbs all noxious, unnatural odors and gases.

If you suffer from indigestion and belch gas as a result, Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges will absorb all the gas and make you stop belching.

If on getting up in the morning you have such a bad, offensive breath that you can almost smell it yourself, Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges will get rid of it for you.

If you have been smoking or chewing, or have been eating onions or other odorous things, Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges will make your breath pure and sweet.

Charcoal is also the best laxative known. You can take a whole boxful and no harm will result. It is a wonderfully safe regulator.

And then, too, it filters your blood, every particle of poison and impurity in your blood is destroyed, and you begin to notice the difference in your face first thing—your complexion.

Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges are made from pure willow charcoal, and just a little honey is put in to make them palatable, but not too sticky.

They will work wonders in your stomach, and make you feel fine and fresh. Every particle of poison and impurity in your blood is destroyed, and you begin to notice the difference in your face first thing—your complexion.

Send us your name and address to-day and we will at once send you by mail a sample package free. Address E. A. Stuart & Co., 95 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

NEED MONEY BADLY FOR REUNION FUND

The only contribution on yesterday to the fund being raised by the general committee in charge of the reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, to be held in Richmond May 30th-June 3d, inclusive, was that of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, C. V., of \$150, and though this handsome sum was gratefully received, it was the subject of regret to the committee that it was not one of many. It is unquestionably true that the great body of citizens have not been aroused to the necessity of sending in their contributions, and the general committee urge that they do so at once, as the fund appropriated by the city is not available until at least \$20,000 has been secured in subscriptions. Aside from this, however, is the imperative necessity of making provision for the thousands of veterans and the sponsors and maids of honor, and of knowing the amount that can be relied upon to pay the bills. A very conservative estimate, judging from the cost of reunions in other cities, shows that a deficit of more than \$7,000 now exists. The general committee desire to call attention to the fact that the United Confederate Veterans are coming to Richmond upon the express invitation of the Mayor and the Council of the city, and also upon the invitation of the citizens of Richmond, and that the question of once making ample provision for proper entertainment is one that should appeal to every one.

Contributions may be sent to James N. Boyd, treasurer, or John W. Gordon, general chairman.

the corner-stone of the \$10,000 library building to be erected this summer on the college campus.

The drug business of the late Leonard Henley has been purchased by a local syndicate, which will do business at the old stand, commencing Monday morning.

JOINT DISCUSSION.

Five Candidates for Congress From Eighth District to Meet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PREEDERICKSBURG, Va., March 9.—Hon. J. F. Ryan, of Loudoun county, and Hon. R. Lindsey Gordon, of Louisa, candidates for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Eighth District, were here to-day conferring with friends from Stafford and King George counties as to their candidacy. Both candidates will attend Stafford court on Monday, and it is expected that Judge C. E. Nicol and Mr. C. C. Carlin, the other two candidates, will also be there, and all will address the voters.

Mr. Charles Kieppen, of this city, has closed with the authorities of the Jamestown Exposition for the erection of a building on the grounds, and for the exhibit of live bees, showing the different stages of the cultivation of the bee industry during the Exposition.

A novel and exceedingly interesting entertainment, known as A Mother Goose Festival, was given last night by the primary department of Fredericksburg College, in the College Hall. A large attendance was present, and all of the various characters of fairy tales and of the nursery stories were represented, such as King Cole, Jack Horner, Mother Hubbard, Humpty Dumpty, Simple Simon, Pecos, Bo-Peep, Daffy-Down-Dilly, Babes in the Woods, Peter, Pumpkin Eater, etc. The entertainment was a pronounced success in every particular.

DELAWARE BUILDING.

Commission Arrives at Exposition Grounds.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—The Delaware commission to the Jamestown Exposition arrived in Norfolk to-day to make final arrangements for the erection of the Delaware State building on the Exposition grounds. The architect and contractor were in the party, and with the plans for the structure already complete and the site selected, it is expected that ground for the building will be broken early in the week, and the work begun next Monday or Tuesday.

The visit to-day is the first that the Delaware commission has made to the Exposition grounds. After a brief conference in the office of Mr. G. T. Shepperd, secretary of the exposition, they visited the grounds and there inspected the site for the Delaware building.

Those in the party were Mr. John W. Caney, vice-president of the commission; Mr. John Durbin, former Governor of Delaware; Adjutant Wickesham, State Senator Connor, C. P. Holcomb, member of the House of Delegates; Mr. Leon W. Crawford, architect; and Mr. John Barr, contractor.

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC.

To Have Elaborate Program at Exposition.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—Henry Lloyd Wright, of Washington, honorary director of music of the Jamestown Exposition, to-day arranged with local musicians and exposition officials the musical program for the fair. The program as formulated, but subject to revision, comprehends the most elaborate musical events ever contemplated for an exposition.

Assisting in the opening musical exercises on April 5th will be the Washington Choral Society of 250 voices. The Norfolk society of 500 voices will unite with these, and one of several new songs composed by prominent authors, and which will be dedicated to the exposition, will be sung on the opening day.

WAS TO WED IN JUNE; IS FATALLY INJURED


[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, Va., March 9.—William W. Brand, son of W. F. Brand, died at the King's Daughters' Hospital here last night of his injuries. Mr. Brand is a young man and highly esteemed in his father's mill, in Augusta county, his right arm was caught in the machinery and badly mangled, and he was otherwise injured. He was brought to the hospital here and his arm amputated. Mr. Brand is survived by his father, three sisters, Misses Flora and Cora, and Mrs. Abner Hamilton, and two brothers, Robert W. and Frank. Mr. Brand was to have been married in June.

Mr. Page Done Well.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—Hugh N. Page, who had a narrow escape from death when caught between the wharf and a steamer, from which he attempted to jump, at Newport News, yesterday, after the vessel had safely left, was doing very well to-day, according to his attending physician, Dr. Herbert Old.

When asked if he regarded the patient out of danger, Dr. Old said he could not say what complications might arise, but he thought Mr. Page's condition was most favorable.



EASTER THOUGHTS

The short time left between now and Easter won't admit of any delay if you wish to have your New Spring Suit in time for the 31st of March. Another reason why you should buy now is the fact that all Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Silks, etc., have materially advanced in price and when the goods already bought have been disposed of prices will go up all along the line.

Wonderful Values in Stylish Spring Suits

Ladies' Suits, in very stylish grey or blue stripes, solid greys, tan, navy or black, silk lined. The newest patterns of this spring's goods, bought to sell at \$25.00 and \$30.00. Special price for Monday only **\$19.00**

Ladies' Suits, in box coat or Eton jacket, silk lined, newest material and style. Special **\$14.98**

Ladies' Eton or Coat Suits, in solid colors or fancy, light mixtures, nicely tailored **\$12.48**

Ladies' Silk Lined Eton Jacket Suits, made of fine quality panama, for... **\$10.00**

Spring Skirts

You can surely make a selection from the entirely new showing we are now offering.

Ladies' Panama Skirts, in blue or black, kilted styles. Special, **\$4.08**

A new lot of Skirts in fancy grey checks, with taffeta silk trimmings; \$5.00 value, **\$3.08**

Lot of Ladies' Skirts, in solid or fancy mixtures; some that sold for \$5.00 and \$6.00, reduced to **\$3.75**

Silk and Net Waists

These Waists are the latest style and newest cuts. Ladies' Black Waist, made of chiffon taffeta and trimmed in silk applique, for **\$6.98**

Silk Waists, in many different styles and very dainty shades of pink or blue; also white and black, **\$4.98**

Ladies' Net Waists, with lace trimmings, worth \$5.00. Special, **\$3.69**

A new line of Jap. Silk Waists, dainty trimmings, for **\$3.98**

Corset Specials

"The Niris Corset," our leader, \$1.50 value, in short, medium or long, for **\$1.00**

C. B. and W. B., in new shapes and lengths, for **98c**

Misses' Tape Girdles, in pink, blue or white; 50c quality, **30c**

Big Bargains in Embroideries and Laces

Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric, narrow and medium widths, 5c, 7c, 9c, 12c, 15c and 18c

Wide, Showy Embroidery, for corset covers or flouncings, in Swiss, batiste and cambric, 10c, 25c, 35c and 48c

New line of Laces, in edges, bands and medallions, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c, 98c and **\$1.25**

New Val. Laces, large shipment just received, 25c, 30c, 48c, 50c, 98c and **\$1.25** per dozen

Buttons

Have you seen our button machine. We can make you buttons to match any material, silk, velvet or cloth—in three sizes. Ask us about it.

New Ribbons,
Jewelry, Veiling,
Neckwear,
Leather Novelties,
Etc., Etc.

PRESIDENT'S SON IS MUCH BETTER

President and Mrs. Lambert Go for Ride—Mrs. Roosevelt Takes Drive.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The improvement noted in the condition of Archie Roosevelt to-day, over that of yesterday, when for a time considerable apprehension was felt, has been maintained to-night, and in consequence a feeling of great hopefulness pervades the White House. It was officially announced to-night that the patient is in excellent condition, and that there are no unfavorable indications.

The satisfactory progress made by Archie to-day was such that the President and Mrs. Lambert went for a long horseback ride, not returning to the White House until after dark. Mrs. Roosevelt, too, who has been a constant watcher at the bedside of her sick child, took occasion to go out for a short drive and returned much refreshed. She immediately went back into the sick-room.

Shortly after 8 o'clock to-night Dr. Rixey, Braisted and Kennedy were in conference with Dr. Lambert. They found Archie doing nicely. Unless some unforeseen complication arises no additional bulletins will be issued to-night.

Dr. Rixey, Braisted and Kennedy

DIES AT HIS POST.

Steamboat Captain Has Fatal Attack of Acute Indigestion.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LOCKPORT, Va., March 9.—Mr. William Henry Hart, an officer on a M. D. and Va. Railway steamer plying between Baltimore and Washington, died suddenly of acute indigestion on Wednesday, March 6th, while at his post of duty on the steamer.

Mr. Hart was a native of King and Queen county, and was fifty-eight years old. He was a gallant Confederate soldier and was well known throughout this section, having for many years held positions on the Rappahannock and Potomac steamers.

He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter, and one brother, Mr. B. F. Hart, a Confederate veteran who lost a leg in the battle of Fredericksburg.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Southern Passenger Train Runs Into Freight.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 9.—While the engineer and fireman jumped to safety, southbound passenger No. 2 collided head-on to-day with the second section of freight No. 55, waiting orders in the yards at Tryon, N. C., between this city and Spartanburg, on the Asheville and Spartanburg Division of the Southern Railway. All the passengers were given a bad shaking up, while some were more or less painfully injured by flying glass. One man, whose name could not be learned, was caught by a door as it slammed, and badly bruised. Two of the ladies required medical attendance upon reaching Asheville. The freight was standing still in the yards when the passenger rounded a sharp curve at a good rate of speed. The engineer reversed, put on the brakes, and jumped from the train, the train almost stopping before the collision. The pilot was knocked off the engine. The drawhead was knocked off the mail car, but otherwise little damage was done to the trains. Both of them proceeded under one engine.

Carney Gives Bond.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—The official appointment of S. B. Carney as postmaster of Norfolk has arrived, and Mr. Carney this afternoon executed the bond of \$100,000 required of him. The large increase in the bond required of the postmaster is because of the unprecedented increase in the business of the local post-office. Mr. Carney expects to assume charge as postmaster, relieving Postmaster Nichols, one week from to-day.

Millinery—Second Floor

OPENING DAYS, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 and 13.

¶ This is our formal invitation to every lady in Richmond and vicinity to be present at our opening of Spring Millinery. ¶ We issue no cards because we do not wish to miss anyone. ¶ This store is a store for the people. ¶ You who read this ARE WELCOME.

Silk Department

Wash Silk, in stripes, checks and figures; one waist or dress pattern to a buyer. Monday only—59c value—for **42c**

Peau de Cygne, in old rose, cardinal and navy. Our assortment of this particular silk is broken; that's why we sell a 75c value for **42c**.

Striped and Checked Taffetas, 36 inches wide, \$1.25 value for **98c**.

Taffeta Silks—An exceptionally new line, in large plaids, new color combinations. Two kinds, 75c and **98c**.

Dress Goods Department

Fine Whip Cords, 36 inches wide, in navy and black. Only for Monday—one dress pattern to a buyer—50c value—for **29c**

Cream Poplar Cloth and Cashmere, 36 inches wide; very scarce. A bargain at **25c**.

French Batiste, full line of colors, 36 inches wide, worth 50c, for **30c**.

Navy Blue and Black Voles, double widths. A special bargain at **48c**.

French Voile, 42 inches wide, in navy, leather and black, \$1.00 value for **85c**.

Another extra fine Voile, 44 inches wide, in navy, leather and black, \$1.39 value, for **\$1.00**.

Fine quality Silk Finished Panamas, good width, 59c value for **48c**.

Striped and Checked Suitings, entirely new patterns. A big special at **48c**.

Vignereux Serges, in new two-tone effects, 42 inches wide, \$1.00 value for **85c**.

Checked and Plain Panamas, in grey, green and blue, \$1.25 value for **\$1.00**.

Royal Brown Novelty Suiting, plaids, checks and stripes, 52 inches wide. A \$2.00 value for **\$1.50**.

Domestic Department

White Quilts, extra heavy quality, double-bed size, \$1.25 value, **98c**.

Bleached Sheets, 81x90 inches, extra heavy round thread, 79c value for **69c**.

Pillow Cases, made of good quality cotton, 12 1-2c value for **10c**.

Bolster Cases, two yards long. A 29c value for **23c**.

Unbleached Sheeting, 2 1-2 yards wide, 27 1-2c value for **23 3-4c**.

Large lot of Umbrellas, with boxwood handles, \$1.25 value for **98c**.

Ladies' Fleece Lined Underwear; a special bargain at **25c**.

Big Values in Gloves

Extra heavy Silk Gloves, double tips, 12-button length, **\$1.25**.

The same Glove, 16-button length, for **\$2.25**.

Kid Gloves, in short lengths, 60c, 98c, **\$1.25** and **\$1.48**.

Long Kid Gloves, 12-button length, for **83c**; and 16-button length for **\$3.50**.

New Taffeta Pleating for trimming, in white, light blue, light green, pink and navy, for **10c**, **25c** and **48c**.

New Persian Bands and Fancy Braids, **10c**, **15c**, **10c**, **25c** and **50c**.

White Goods Department

Dotted Swiss—Only one size dot. For Monday only—12 1-2c value **93c**

Fine quality Piques, both figured and straight weft, 15c and 25c value for **12 1-2c**.

Fine English Long Cloth, 12 yards to piece, 12 1-2c value for **10c**.

Mercerized Longerie Waistings, 45 inches wide, 25c value for **10c**.

English Nainsook, 40 inches wide, \$2.50 value for **\$1.08**.

Linen Department

Colored Linen Suitings, 36 inches wide, pink, blue, grey, red, brown and green. For Monday only—25c value—for **19c**

Brown Linen, 27 inches wide, extra heavy, 15c value for **11 3-4c**.

Linen Suiting, 90 inches wide, soft finish, very heavy, \$1.25 quality for **80c**.

Irish Table Damask, 72 inches wide, all new patterns, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values for **\$1.00**.

Muslin Underwear

The Quality is the Best—The Prices are the Lowest

Ladies' Corset Covers, made good and full of best cotton, and nicely trimmed, worth 39c, for **25c**.

Ladies' Drawers, with deep hemstitched ruffles, for **25c**.

Ladies' Best Cotton Gowns, in many different trimmings and styles, for **98c**.

Mercerized and Heatherbloom Skirts

Ladies' Mercerized Skirts, in black or colors, for **98c**.

Ladies' Extra Size Mercerized Skirts for **\$1.48**.

Heatherbloom Petticoats, in black, navy, lavender, blue, green, brown or white, for **\$2.25**.

Heatherbloom Petticoats, with very deep flounces, in black or colors, for **\$2.08**.

Shirtwaist Bargains

Two Lawn Shirtwaists, one made of fine white lawn, well embroidered; only two to a buyer; \$1.00 value, for **55c**.

Another, made of fine India linen, embroidered and trimmed with lace; and others made of allover embroidery; \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, for **98c**.



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